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Mr. John M. Clarke Director of Budget Program Analysis and Manpower Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter of August 21, 1964, concerning the payment to CIA employees of retroactive salary increases and to the attached ruling of August 20, 1964, of the Comptroller General that such payment is authorized.

As I indicated to you in our telephone conversation of 21 August, the Bureau of the Budget does not attempt to determine whether an agency, in undertaking some activity, is operating in consonance with appropriate legal authority. Such opinions are handed down by the Comptroller General or the Department of Justice. Inasmuch as the Administration has already adopted a position favoring such payment for all agencies similarly situated, the BOB perceives no objection to your prompt implementation of the authority.

Sincerely,

Irving J. Lewis

Acting Chief

International Division

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